

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12271–S12354

Measures Introduced: Eight bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2617–2624. **Page S12309**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Report to accompany S. 2086, previously reported and passed October 7, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105–403)

Report to accompany S. 2240, previously reported and passed October 7, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105–404)

Report to accompany S. 2246, previously reported and passed October 7, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 105–405)

Report to accompany S. 2307, previously reported and passed October 7, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 104–406)

Report to accompany S. 2468, previously reported and passed October 7, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 104–407)

Report to accompany S. 2500, previously reported and passed October 9, 1998. (S. Rept. No. 104–408)

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Treaty Doc. 105–1(A), The Amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II or The Amended Mines Protocol to The 1980 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to

be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects), with one reservation, nine understandings, and fourteen conditions. (Exec. Rept. No. 105–21)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

20 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

23 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy.

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Messages From the House:

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Additional Statements:

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Recess: Senate convened at 12 noon, and recessed at 4:10 p.m., until 2 p.m., on Monday, October 12, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12273.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4785–4804; 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 348–349 and H. Res. 592–593, were introduced. **Pages H10512–13**

Reports Filed: One report was filed as follows:

Report of the Joint Economic Committee on the 1998 Economic Report of the President (H. Rept. 105–807);

H.R. 3529, to establish a national policy against State and local interference with interstate commerce

on the Internet or online services, and to excise congressional jurisdiction over interstate commerce by establishing a moratorium on the imposition of exactions that would interfere with the free flow of commerce via the Internet, amended (H. Rept. 105–808 Part 1); and

H.R. 2526, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make the percentage limitations on individual contributions to the Thrift Savings Plan more consistent with the dollar amount limitation on elective deferrals (H. Rept. 105–809). **Page H10512**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Bass to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H10355**

Consideration of Certain Resolutions: The House agreed to H. Res. 589, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by voice vote. Earlier, the previous question was ordered by a ye and nay vote of 221 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 513.

Pages H10356–65, H10405–06

Uruguay Round Agreements Compliance: The House agreed to H. Res. 588, the rule to provide for consideration of H.R. 4761, to require the United States Trade Representative to take certain actions in response to the failure of the European Union to comply with the rulings of the World Trade Organization, by a ye and nay vote of 243 yeas to 179 nays, Roll No. 514.

Pages H10365–74, H10406–07

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Senate Amendment to H.R. 4110: H. Res. 592, providing for the concurrence by the House with amendments in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4110 (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 515);

Pages H10374–H10400, H10407

Medicare Home Health Care and Veterans Health Care Improvement: H.R. 4567, amended, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make revisions in the per beneficiary and per visit payment limits on payment for health services under the Medicare Program (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 412 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 516). Agreed to amend the title;

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Taiwan World Health Organization: H. Con. Res. 334, relating to Taiwan’s participation in the World Health Organization (agreed to by a recorded vote of 418 ayes with none voting “no”, Roll No. 517);

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Supporting the Baltic People: H. Con. Res. 320, amended, supporting the Baltic people of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, and condemning the Nazi-Soviet Pact of Non-Aggression of August 23, 1939 (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 518);

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Community-Designed Charter Schools: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2616, to amend titles VI and X of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve and expand charter schools (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 369 yeas to 50 nays, Roll No. 519)—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10409–10

National Salvage Motor Vehicle Consumer Protection: S. 852, amended, to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage, nonrepairable, and rebuilt vehicles (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 271 yeas to 133 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 520);

Pages H10410–11

Condemning Abuses Against Sierra Leone Civilians: H. Res. 559, amended, condemning the terror, vengeance, and human rights abuses against the civilian population of Sierra Leone;

Pages H10433–34

Freedom From Religious Persecution: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2431, to establish an Office of Religious Persecution Monitoring, to provide for the imposition of sanctions against countries engaged in a pattern of religious persecution—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10434–47

Torture Victims Relief: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4309, to provide a comprehensive program of support for victims of torture—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10447–50

Regarding Culpability of Hun Sen: H. Res. 533, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the culpability of Hun Sen for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in Cambodia (the former Kampuchea, the People’s Republic of Kampuchea, and the State of Cambodia). Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H10450–53

Regarding Repressive Policies Toward Ukrainian People: H. Con. Res. 295, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that the 65th anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine of 1932–1933 should serve as a reminder of the brutality of the government of the former Soviet Union’s repressive policies toward the Ukrainian people;

Pages H10453–56

Regarding Bombing of U.S. Embassies in Africa: H. Res. 523, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist bombing of the United States Embassies in East Africa;

Pages H10456–57

Alternative Dispute Resolution: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3528, to amend title 28, United States Code, with respect to the use of alternative dispute resolution processes in United States district courts—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10457–59

Police, Fire, and Emergency Officers Educational Assistance: H.R. 3046, amended, to provide for financial assistance for higher education to the dependents of Federal, State, and local public

safety officers who are killed or permanently and totally disabled as the result of a traumatic injury sustained in the line of duty. Subsequently, the House passed S. 1525 in lieu after amending it to contain the language of H.R. 3046 as passed by the House. H.R. 3046 was then laid on the table;

Pages H10459–61

National Oilheat Research Alliance: H.R. 3610, amended, to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public;

Pages H10461–64

Recognizing Accomplishments of Inspector General: S.J. Res. 58, recognizing the accomplishments of Inspector General since their creation in 1978 in preventing and detecting waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement, and in promoting economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the Federal Government—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10464–66

D.C. Courts and Justice Technical Corrections: H.R. 4566, amended, to make technical and clarifying amendments to the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997. Agreed to amend the title;

Pages H10466–69

Honoring Hunter Scott: H. Res. 590, amended, recognizing and honoring Hunter Scott for his efforts to honor the memory of the captain and crew of the U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS and for the outstanding example he has set for the young people of the United States;

Pages H10469–73

Wetlands and Wildlife Enhancement: S. 1677, amended, to reauthorize the North American Wetlands Conservation Act and the Partnerships for Wildlife Act. Agreed to amend the title; and

Pages H10473–75

Mississippi Sioux Tribes Judgment Fund Distribution: S. 391, amended, to provide for the disposition of certain funds appropriated to pay judgment in favor of the Mississippi Sioux Indians.

Pages H10477–79

Suspensions—Vote Postponed: The House completed debate and postponed the vote on the following measure:

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment: S. 2095, amended, to reauthorize and amend the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act.

Pages H10475–77

Question of Privilege: Representative Visclosky rose to a point of privilege. The Chair ruled that his question did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Agreed to table the motion to

appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yea and nay vote of 219 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 512.

Pages H10400–05

Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site: The House passed S. 1408, to establish the Lower East Side Tenement National Historic Site. Agreed to the Hansen amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages H10411–13

Amending Weir Farm National Historic Site: The House passed S. 1718, to amend the Weir Farm National Historic Site Establishment Act of 1990 to authorize the acquisition of additional acreage for the historic site to permit the development of visitor and administrative facilities and to authorize the appropriation of additional amounts for the acquisition of real and personal property. Agreed to the Hansen amendment in the nature of a substitute. Agreed to amend the title.

Pages H10413–16

Automobile National Heritage Area: The House passed H.R. 3910, to authorize the Automobile National Heritage Area. Agreed to the Hansen amendment in the nature of a substitute. Agreed to amend the title.

Pages H10416–23

Prohibiting Conveyance of Land in Arizona: The House passed S. 2413, prohibiting the conveyance of Woodland Lake Park tract in Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest in the State of Arizona unless the conveyance is made to the town of Pinetop-Lakeside or authorized by Act of Congress.

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Arches National Park Expansion: The House passed S. 2106, to expand the boundaries of Arches National Park, Utah, to include portions of certain drainages that are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and to include a portion of Fish Seep Draw owned by the State of Utah.

Pages H10423–24

National Cave and Karst Research Institute: The House passed S. 231, to establish the National Cave and Karst Research Institute in the State of New Mexico—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H10424–25

Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Wild and Scenic Rivers: The House passed S. 469, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Agreed to the Hansen amendment in the nature of a substitute. Agreed to amend the title.

Pages H10425–27

Glacier Bay National Park Boundary Adjustment: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 3903, to provide for an exchange of lands located near Gustavus, Alaska—clearing the measure for the President.

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Assistance to National Historic Trails Center in Wyoming: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, Wyoming—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H10427–28

Rogue River National Park Boundary Adjustment: The House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3796, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management—clearing the measure for the President.

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Granite Watershed Enhancement and Protection: The House agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 2886, to provide for a demonstration project in the Stanislaus National Forest, California, under which a private contractor will perform multiple resource management activities for that unit of the National Forest System.

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National Park Fees: The House passed S. 1333, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to allow national park units that cannot charge an entrance or admission fee to retain other fees and charges—clearing the measure for the President.

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National Historic Site Boundary Modification: The House passed S. 2246, to amend the Act which established the Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by modifying the boundary—clearing the measure for the President.

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Adams National Historical Park: The House passed S. 2240, to establish the Adams National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H10428–29

Women's Progress Commemoration: The House passed S. 2285, to establish a commission, in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Seneca Falls Conven-

tion, to further protect sites of importance in the historic efforts to secure equal rights for women—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H10429–30

Legislative Authority for Black Patriots Foundation: The House passed S. 2427, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the legislative authority for the Black Patriots Foundation to establish a commemorative work—clearing the measure for the President.

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Technical Corrections to Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management: The House passed H.R. 4735, to make technical corrections to the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996.

Pages H10430–32

Dante Fascell Biscayne National Park Visitor Center Designation: The House passed S. 2468, to designate the Biscayne National Park Visitor Center as the Dante Fascell Visitor Center—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H10432–33

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 11. Agreed that when the House adjourns October 11, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H10356 and H10429.

Referrals: Senate bills referred to committees in the House appear on page H10511.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10405, H10405–06, H10406–07, H10407, H10407–08, H10408–09, H10409, H10410, and H10410–11. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

There were no committee meetings today.